

S-342
Sandusky Farm
Princess Anne vicinity
private

c. 1870

Centered among a group of nineteenth-century outbuildings is an unusual late Victorian tee-plan farmhouse covered by a combination mansard and gable roof. The mansard roof that shelters the north leg directly abuts the cross gable roof. A turned post porch with fan-shaped brackets skirts the perimeter of the north leg. The house interior is fitted with unaltered period woodwork including an unconventional stair as well as bullseye door and window surrounds and bracketed mantels.

Sited within a short distance of the farmhouse is a full-dovetailed log smokehouse, a large bi-level hay and dairy barn along with a standard frame granary and a wagon shed. Reused in the wagon shed framing are several beaded floor joists reported to have been salvaged from an older building on the farm.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-342

Magi No. 2003425535

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Sandusky Farm

2. Location

street & number East side of Arden Station Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ernest Propst

street & number Rt. 2 Box 265 telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Md. 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Sandusky farm is located on the east side of Arden Station Road and on the south side of Kings Creek near Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay farmhouse faces west. Accompanying the house is a group of agricultural buildings.

The c.1870 farmhouse is a two-story, tee-plan frame structure supported by a continuous brick foundation and sheathed by a uniform layer of asbestos shingles. The tee-plan house is covered by a combination gable and mansard roof of asphalt shingles.

The west (main) facade is an uneven three-bay elevation with a center double door topped by a single-pane transom. The entrance bay and the adjacent (north) two over two sash window are covered by a wraparound porch supported by turned posts with fan-shaped corner brackets. South of the entrance is a projecting two-story, five-sided pavilion pierced by two over two sash windows. Similarly, the second floor is lighted by two over two sash windows, and the gable front is pierced by a smaller two over two sash. The underside corners of the gabled roof is trimmed with decorative trim. The northern two bays of the second floor are filled with two over two sash windows, and the northern bays are covered by a mansard roof. Two 2/2 sash dormers light the attic, and a narrow brick stack rises through the roof.

The north end of the tee-plan is defined by two bays that are covered on the first floor by the wraparound porch. Two 2/2 sash windows mark each of the three floors.

The east side of the northern section consists of a rear four-panel door that opens into the hall, and a two over two sash window marks the north bay. The second floor is pierced by two 2/2 sash windows, and the attic is lighted by one boarded-up dormer. The projecting south bay is covered on the first floor by an enclosed shed, and the second floor is marked by a two over two sash window.

The south side of the house is an asymmetrical four-bay elevation with a combination of side doors and two over two sash windows. Centered on the roof is a cross gable pierced by a two over two window.

Inside a center stair hall separates three rooms, one to the north and two to the south. A large square newel post has an applied Victorian ornament, and turned balusters support a molded handrail. The second floor newel posts are unconventionally positioned on angles, and the attic stair is enclosed.

The parlor (north) is fitted with Victorian molded door and window surrounds and bullseye corner blocks. A bracketed shelf mantel is fixed against the interior partition wall. The balance of the house is finished with contemporary Victorian woodwork. Although the house is covered by two different types of roof shapes, construction details in the attic indicate the roof was erected in one period.

A large gable front barn stands southeast of the dwelling and rests on a combination brick and block foundation, while the mortise and tenon frame structure is

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Centered among a group of nineteenth-century outbuildings is an unusual late nineteenth century tee-plan farmhouse covered with a combination mansard and gable roof. Inside the house is fitted with unaltered Victorian woodwork including an unconventional stair as well as standard bullseye door and window surrounds and bracketed mantels. The dovetailed log smokehouse is one of a handful to survive in Somerset County.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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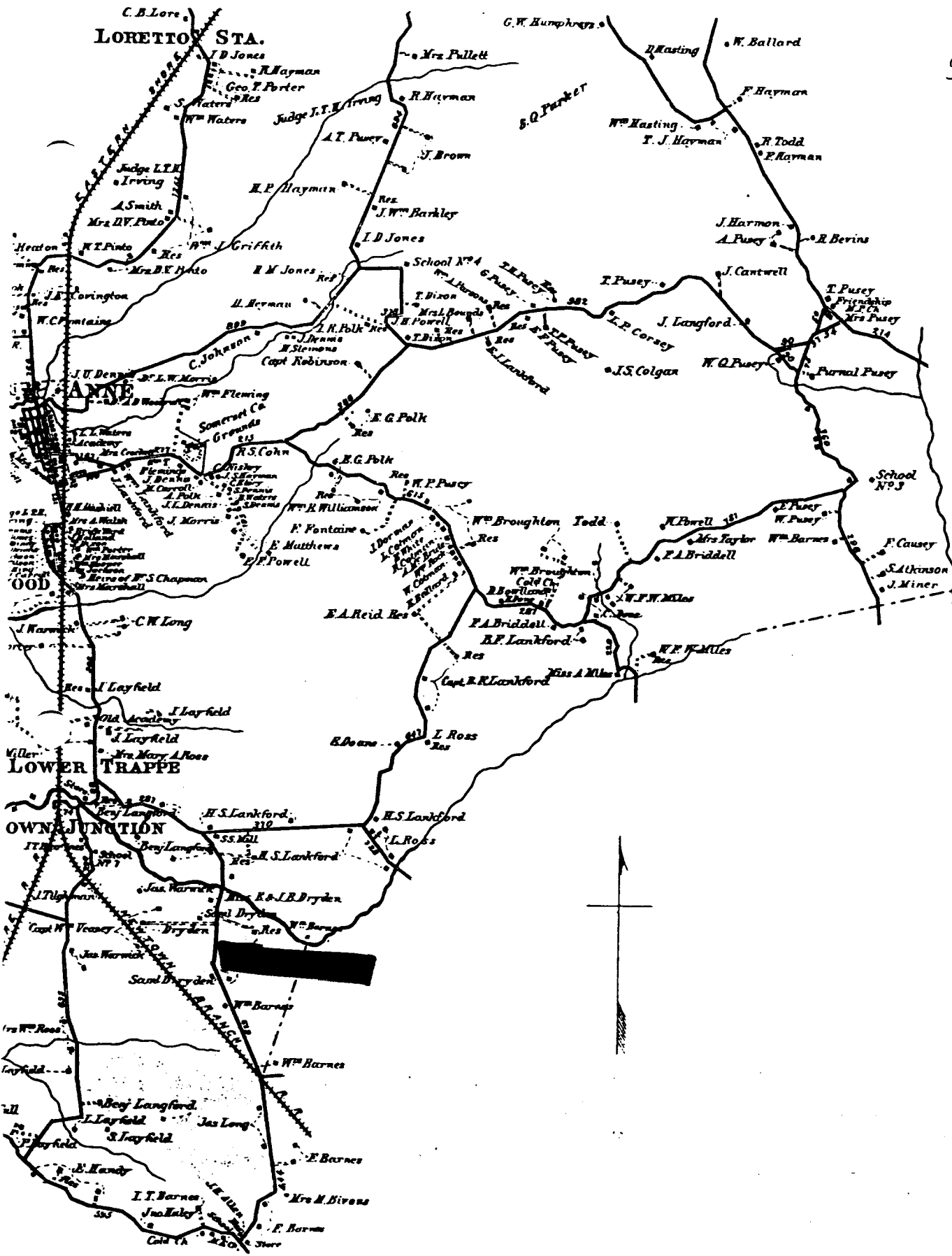
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Sheathed with corrugated tin. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Siding double doors and a large loft door pierce the north gable. Rising against the south side of the barn is a cylindrical silo covered by a domed roof.

Standing nearer the house is a full-dovetailed log smokehouse sheathed with modern beaded boards and covered by a gable front roof. The door opening on the west side has been enlarged, and a shed extends from the south side. The hewn logs under the shed are exposed. The smokehouse interior is blackened.

A mid nineteenth-century frame granary is located north of the barn. A brick pier foundation supports the single-story, mortise and tenon frame structure. The center section is flanked by one-bay sheds. Individual doors open into each part, and a board door provides access into the loft. The roof is covered in tin, and the frame is sheathed with replacement German siding.

A wagon shed was erected north of the house, and several beaded floor joists were salvaged and reused as rafters.





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Princess Anne Vicinity, Somerset Co., MD

West elevation

11/85, Paul Touart, Photographer

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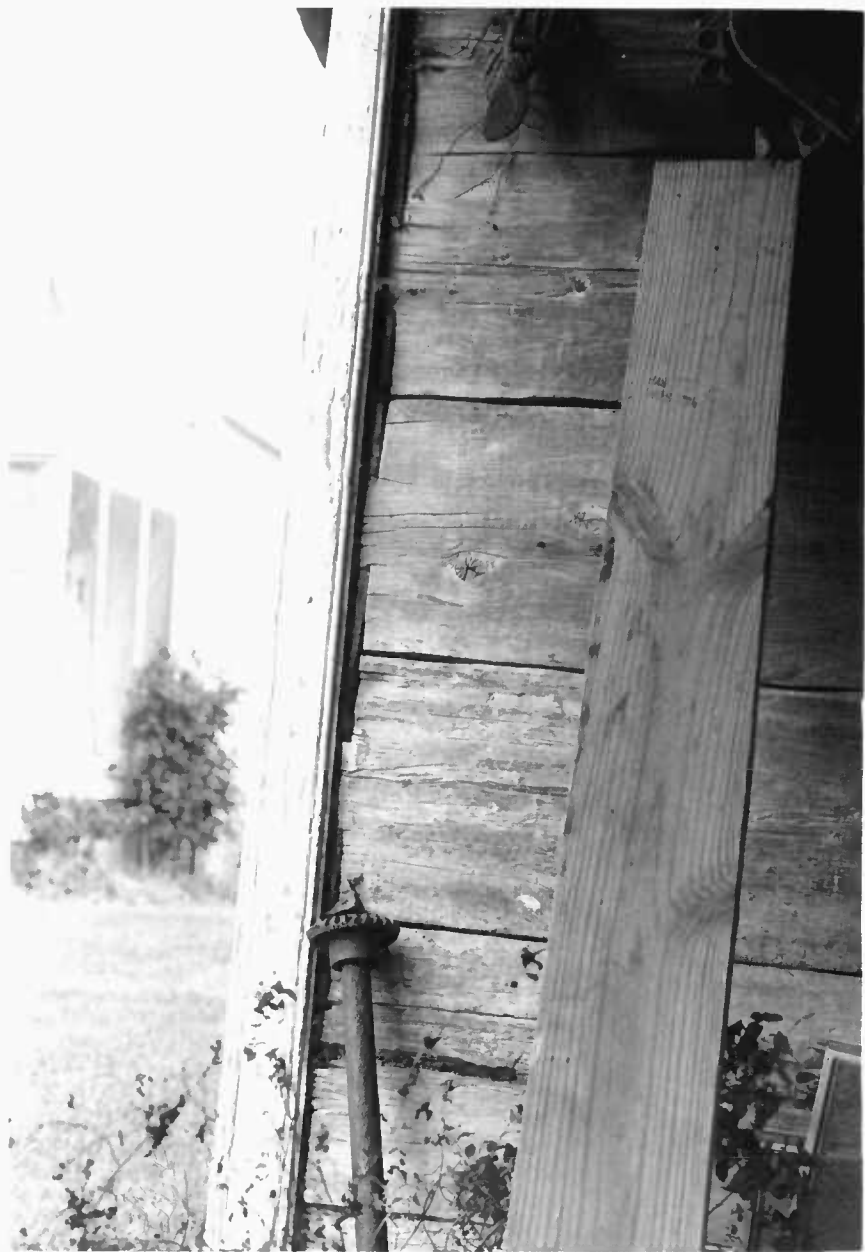
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East Elevation

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West Elev. of Granary

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Northwest Elevation of Barn
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